
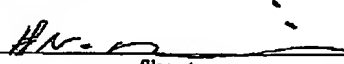




<b>TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b> (Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) or 1.97(c))					Docket No. INE-0002-C	
In Re Application of:     Sauer						
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10/056,473	January 23, 2002	Jackson, Gary	23413	3731	5120	
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